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U.S. Patent No. 6,278,491

The aforementioned reference was cited in the "Background of the Invention" section of the present application. Accordingly, no further discussion is believed to be necessary.

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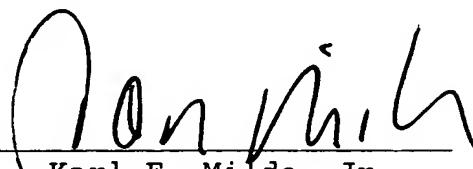
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The aforementioned references were cited in the European Search Report of applicants' corresponding European Application No. 03100514.3, a copy of which is also enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that this prior art be considered during the examination of this application.

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